



Meeting Notice

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Whooping cough update on State Board of Health's June agenda

June 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Point Plaza East, Rooms 152/153, 310 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater

The Washington State Board of Health will hear a status report about whooping cough when it meets Wednesday, June 13, in Tumwater. More than 2,000 people are reported to have whooping cough this year in Washington, compared to 164 reported during the same period in 2011. The outbreak prompted Secretary of Health Mary Selecky to declare a statewide epidemic.

The board will hold a rules hearing and plans to adopt immunization schedule revisions to reflect changes in national immunization guidelines. A public hearing on that topic is set for 1:30 p.m.

In addition, the board may consider recommendations concerning screening for severe combined immunodeficiency ("bubble boy disease"), which makes infants who have it susceptible to life-threatening infections. Also on the agenda are briefings about Group B public water systems and about oral health risk factors.

The meeting is open to the public, and the public may provide testimony on any public health issue at about 3:20 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health website](#) (www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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